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... OF ...

GARDEN
FLOWER

SEEDS...

1897.

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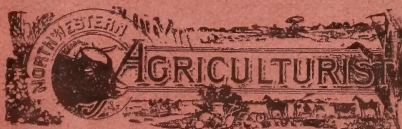
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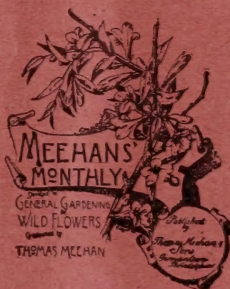
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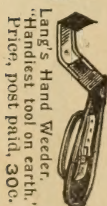
Free.—With every \$1 worth of seeds in packet or ounces you may select 25c worth of packets free. The Northwestern Agriculturist free with a 25c order: American Gardening free with a dollar order (see advertisements.)

MARCH.

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You should get the seeds you will need this year now. Mature liberally your garden patch. Make hot beds and sow tomatoes, peppers, egg plants and Prize taker onions; also cabbages, cauliflower and celery for early use; also flower seeds for early blooming.

Early Champion, Sweet Corn.



Lang's Hand Weeder.
"Handiest tool on earth."
Price, post paid, 30c.

Beans, big packets. Postage 15c per quart extra.

	Pkt.	Pt.	Qt.
Extra Early Red Valentine, green pods, early	5	10	18
Curries rust proof Golden Wax, early, productive..	5	10	20
Speckled Wax, best for general crop	5	10	20
Yosemite Mammoth Black Wax	8	15	30
Early Golden Cluster Pole Wax	6	15	25
Henderson's Bush Lima	6	15	25
Extra Early Jersey Pole Lima	6	15	25
White Marrowfat, for soup, green shell and dry.	5	8	15
True Navy, pure seed of this standard sort..	5	8	15

Corn, Sweet, big packets. Postage 12c per quart.

Cory, standard early sort	5	10	18
Early Champion, early; sweet, large ears.	7	15	25
Early Minnesota, second early.	5	10	18
Country Gentleman, the sweetest, rows irregular.	7	15	25
Stowell's Evergreen, standard late.	5	10	18
Pop Corn, White Rice.	5	10	18
Golden Tom Thumb; Red Beauty, each.	7	15	25

Peas, big packets. Postage 15c per quart extra.

Alaska, extra early smooth pea.	5	10	18
American Wonder, early dwarf wrinkled.	6	12	20
Mott's Excelsior, early, dwarf, very sweet, productive	7	15	25
Heroine, medium, 2½ feet, productive, best quality	7	15	25
Champion of England, tall, late, well-known sort.	5	10	18
Melting Sugar, pods edible like string beans.	8	15	30

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼lb.	lb.
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Asparagus, Palmetto, early, productive.	4	10	20	50
Beets, big packets.				
Extra Early Eclipse.	5	10	20	50
Edmunds Early Blood Turnip, fine variety.	5	10	20	50
Long Smooth Blood	4	10	18	40
Swiss Chard, for greens, use midrib like asparagus	4	10	20	45
Lane's Imperial Sugar Beet.	4	8	15	40
Mammoth Long Red Mangel Wurzel.	3	6	12	35
Yellow Globe Mangel Wurzel.	3	6	12	35
Golden Tankard Mangel Wurzel, most productive	4	7	15	40

Brussels Sprouts, Improved Dwarf. 5 20

Cabbage, Large Packets. These seeds will grow heads.

Extra Early Express; Early Jersey Wakefield; pointed heads, each 5 20

APRIL.

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Now be sure that seeds for early plants are all sown. As soon as ground permits plow, harrow and sow asparagus, cress leeks, onions, early peas, parsley, radish, spinach and turnips. Set out onion sets and hardy plants—cabbage, cauliflower, onions, and pansies. Sow cabbage, celery and cauliflower for late plants. Plant hardy flower seeds and sow lawn grass.



White Plume Celery.



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SEEDS
GROW!

(CABBAGE CONTINUED)

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼lb.	lb.
All Head Early, best flat headed early..	7	25		
Surehead, Premium Flat Dutch, American Drumhead,	each	5	20	
Large Red Pickling.....	5	20		
Improved American Savoy, finest flavored of all.....	5	20		
Carrots. Big Packets.				
Earliest Short Scarlet Horn.....	5	10	25	70
Ox Heart, fine for family use.	5	10	25	70
Danvers Half Long, Long Orange	each	5	10	20 65
Cauliflower. Cheap Cauliflower seed it does not pay to buy.				
Early Snowball, the best.....	18	250		
Early Dwarf Erfurt, a fine variety.....	12	200		
Celery. A very healthful vegetable.				
White Plume, best early, easily grown and blanched.....	5	17		
Giant Pascal, best late, good keeper.....	5	17		
Turnip Rooted or Celeraic.....	5	17		
Chicory, A Coffee Substitute. Large Rooted..	3			
Cress, a fine salad plant.				
True Water, sow beside water	10			
Curled or Pepper Grass, grown anywhere....	3			
Coffee Berry or Soja Bean. Has sold for 15 cents per packet. Large packet	5			
Cucumbers. Big Packets.				
Early Russian, the earliest.....	5	10	20	60
Chicago Pickling, White Spine, Long Green,	each	5	10	20 60
Snake, looks like a green snake..	8			
Egg Plant. Try this vegetable.				
Early Long Purple, the earliest	5	30		
New York Improved Purple, best sort.....	8	40		
Gourd, Dipper, Nest Egg,	each	5		
Herbs. Don't buy herbs, raise them yourself.				
Summer Savory, Thyme	4			
Dill.....	3			
Sweet Majoram, Sage	5			
Kohi-Rabi, or Turnip Rooted Cabbage.				
Early White Vienna.....	5	20		
Kale or Borecole. Dwarf Green Curled....	4	10		
Leek. Large Mussleburg.....	5	15		
Lettuce. Large Packets. Try a new variety				
Black Seeded Simpson, popular early lettuce..	5	10		
Early Prizehead, leaves tinged reddish brown	4	10		
Denver Market, an early head lettuce..	5	10		
Improved Hanson, for late	5	10		
The Deacon, large heads, best for late, stands heat well.....	6	15		
Cos or Celery Lettuce.....	5	10		
Musk Melons. Big Packets. Delicious eating.				
Emerald Gem, earliest, sweetest, best..	5	10	20	60
Early Green Nutmeg.....	5	10	20	60
Perfection, Osage, fine salmon fleshed varieties	each	5	10	20 60

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This is the great garden making month. Finish April work. Sow beets, mangels, carrots, parsnips, salsify, herbs, and kohlrabi. Sow lettuce and radish every two weeks for succession. When ground gets warm plant string and lima beans, corn, cucumbers, melons, squash, pumpkins and late peas. Thin early sown seeds. Plant all flower seeds and bulbs. Cultivate.



Mam. Sandwich Is. Salsify.
Imp. Guernsey Parsnip.

(MUSKMELONS CONTINUED.)

Pkt. Oz. ¼lb. lb.

New Banquet, salmon flesh, not ribbed..... 5 10 20 65
Banana Cantalope, banana shaped 18 in. long. 6 15

Watermelons. Big Packets. Grow some of these 'millions.

Cole's Early, earliest, fine quality, best for home use..... 5 10 20 50
Sweet Heart, Wonderful Sugar, Dixie, each 5 10 20 50
Green and Gold, yellow flesh; Preserving Citron,..... each 4 10

Onions. Packets large. We sell good Onion seeds.

Extra Early White Barletta, for pickling..... 6 15 35 125
Extra Early Red, Large Red Weathersfield, each 5 10 30 90
Yellow Danvers,..... 5 10 25 89
White Globe..... 8 15 50 175
Mammoth Prizetaker, yellow skin, best of all. 7 15 45 150

Onion Sets...... Postpaid, pt. 10c., qt. 20c.

Parsley, Double Curled..... 3 7

Parsnip, big packet. You need a bed of parsnips.....

Hollow Crown, standard sort,..... 4 8 12 40
Improved Gurnsey, short and thicker than the above..... 5 10 15 50

Peanuts, Early Improved Spanish,..... 5

Pepper.

Red Chili, a hot one for chili sauce,..... 6
Long Red Cayenne; Golden Dawn, yellow... each 5
Ruby King, best large red for mangoes. 8

Pumpkin, our big packets will raise 'some Pumpkins'

Small Round Sugar; Japanese Pie,..... each 4 8 30
Jumbo, or Mammoth..... 6 10 35

Radish, packets large. These are good varieties.

Earliest Scarlet Turnip..... 6 12 25
French Breakfast, Long Scarlet Short Top, Chartier; Early Long White,..... each 5 10 20

Early Long Brightest Scarlet, the best we tried last year..... 8 15 35
China Rose Winter..... 5 10 20

Rhubarb, grows from seed in 2 to 3 yrs. 4

Salsify or Vegetable Oyster, a delicious vegetable.

Long White, the old variety..... 4 10 25 90
Mammoth Sandwich Island, larger than the above..... 7 15 35 110

Spinach, New Victoria, best for greens..... 4 18 15 35

Squash, big packets. Try our Warted Hubbard

Giant Summer Crookneck Bush..... 4 8 17 50
Delicata, finest summer or winter..... 6 12 25 80
Sibley, rival of Hubbard, for winter..... 5 10 20 60
Warted Hubbard, fine strain of this old variety..... 5 10 20 60

Sunflower, Mammoth Russian, raise 'em for chickens..... 5 10

Tomato, most everybody loves Love Apples.

Atlantic Prize, earliest good tomato..... 5

JUNE.

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Set out tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, celery and more cabbage. Thin drilled crops. Sow for succession, beans, beets, carrots, corn, lettuce and radish. Sow seeds for late cabbage, celery and cauliflower. Sow rutabagas. Plant cucumbers for pickles. Cultivate, cultivate.

(TOMATO CONTINUED.)

Pk Oz. ¼lb. 1b.

Dwarf Champion, dwarf, early, fine	5			
New Imperial, early, large, smooth, solid, productive, best	10			
Golden Queen, large yellow plum, for preserves, each	4			
Ponderosa, the largest, not very late	10			
Yellow Husk or Ground Cherry, delicious for pies or preserves	8			
Turnip, big packets. Our seeds grow. Purple				
Purple Top Strap Leaf, for early or late	5	10	20	50
Golden Ball, flesh yellow delicate and sweet ..	5	10	20	50
Ruta Baga, big packets. Good for man and beast.				
Improved American Purple Top, everybody knows it	5	10	15	45
Monarch, tankard shape, heavy yielder	5	10	15	45
White Sweet German, flesh white	5	10	15	45
Vine Peach, makes luscious pies and preserves	8			

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Gladiolus, the most popular and easiest raised summer bulb.

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—, Extra Superfine Mixed, light shades, one 5c.; doz. 50c.; 100, \$2.50, postpaid.

Dahlia, Mixed Fine Double, any color, Angeola 25c. each postpaid.

Canna, Ten varieties or mixed at 15c. each, postpaid.

Tuberose, Dwarf Excelsior Pearl is the best variety, flowers pure white, fragrant. Each 4c.; 7 for 2c.; doz. 35c. postpaid.



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The president of the Isanti Co., Agricultural Society, writes: "At the State Fair I scored highest [in the farm exhibit] on corn, wild hay, potatoes, stock vegetables, culinary vegetables, quantity, greatest number of varieties and design and taste in arrangement. Finally after all they allowed me 2d place—they said I was behind on grain. At Mille Lacs and Isanti Co. fairs I got a lot of premiums (22) and only had a one-horse load. All this truck was from your seed (any my own) which did well for me in the strongest kind of competition."

Choice Select Flower Seeds.

SEE introduction to vegetable list. What is said applies here also—same terms, same discounts, same premiums. In the list H stands for hardy, HH for half hardy, T for tender, A for annual, P for perennial and M for mixed colors.

Abutilon, Flowering Maple, TP., Blooms first year, M.....	10c	Nicotiana Affinis, HHA., Fragrant Pure White Flowers.....	5c
Ageratum, Mexicanum, blue, HHA. free-blooming.....	4c	Pansy, Trimardeau Giant, M.....	10c
Alyssum, Sweet, HA. Fragrant, white.....	4c	....., Red, all shades of red.....	10c
Amaranthus, HA. Many sorts mixed.....	3c	....., Azure Blue.....	6c
Antirrhinum, or Snapdragon, HP., dwarf.....	5c	....., Snow Queen, pure white.....	6c
Aquilegia, Columbine, HP., double, M.....	5c	....., King of Blacks.....	6c
Aster, HHA, Comet, flowers resemble Japanese Chrysanthemums, fine, M.....	10c	....., Fine Mixed.....	5c
....., Peony Flowered Perfection, immense handsome flowers with incurved petals, M.....	8c	Petunia, TA., finest mixed single.....	7c
....., Crown, white center, M.....	8c	....., Single, mixed.....	4c
....., Queen of Market, earliest, M.....	5c	Phlox, Drummond, HA., fine mixed.....	5c
....., Dwarf sorts mixed.....	4c	....., Star, very beautiful, all colors.....	7c
Bachelors Button, HA., double, M.....	5c	....., White, large flowers.....	7c
Balsams, HA., double, M.....	3c	Poppy, HA., Shirley, beautiful single blossom, M.....	5c
....., Camelia Flowered Double, M.....	6c	....., Carnation Flowered, double, M.....	4c
Calendula, or Pot Marigold, Meteor, HHA.....	3c	Portulacca, HA., single, large flowering, M.....	5c
Calliopsis, HA., all shades of yellow.....	3c	....., Double, mixed.....	10c
Canary Bird Flower, TA., beautiful climber.....	5c	Ricinus, or Castor Oil Plant, HHA., M.....	5c
Candytuft, HA., all colors mixed.....	4c	Salpiglossis, HHA., Beautifully veined flowers, M.....	5c
....., White, pure white flowers.....	4c	Salvia Splendens, Scarlet Sage, TA.....	6c
Canna, Indian Shot Plant, HHP., Crozy's Improved, very fine colors, M.....	5c	Scabiosa, or Mourning Bride, HA., Double Dwarf, M.....	4c
Carnation, Margaret, HHP., blooms four months from seed, very fine, M.....	10c	Stocks, Dwarf German 10 Weeks, HHA., M.....	5c
Celosia, Cockscorn, TA., dwarf mixed.....	5c	Sweet Peas, HA., Everybody grows and loves 'em.....	pkt. oz. lb.
Cypress Vine, TA. beautiful delicate climber, M.....	5c	....., Cupid, dwarf, white.....	10 35
Dahlia, HHP., if sown early will bloom the first year, double mixed.....	5c	....., Double, mixed.....	6 15 120c
Dianthus, HA., Double China Pinks, M.....	5c	....., Firefly, scarlet.....	5 10 80c
....., Hedderwigii, Japan Pinks, double, M.....	5c	....., Extra Early Blanche Ferry, pink and white.....	6 12 90c
....., Laciniatus, fringed single, M.....	5c	....., Emily Henderson, white.....	5 10 50c
Eschscholtzia, or California Poppy, HA., M.....	3c	....., Eckfords Large Flowered mixed.....	5 10 50c
Forget-Me-Not, or Myosotis, HP.....	5c	....., Mixed.....	3 7 40c
Gourds, TA., Ornamental, M.....	5c	Sweet William, HP., single, M.....	5c
Hellebore, HHP., finest mixed.....	5c	Verbena, TP., Mammoth, M.....	8c
Hollyhock, HP., double, M.....	3c	....., White.....	6c
Larkspur, HA., Double Dwarf Rocket, M.....	5c	....., Mixed.....	5c
Marigold, HHA., Double Dwarf French, M.....	3c	Zinnias, HA., Snowball, white.....	5c
Marvel of Peru, or Four O'clocks, HA., M.....	3c	....., Double Lilliput, M.....	2c
Mignonette, HA., Sweet.....	2c	Everlasting Flowers, for winter bouquets.....	
....., Giant Red.....	5c	....., Gomphrena, or Globe Amaranth.....	5c
Morning Glory, HA., mixed colors.....	3c	....., Helichrysum.....	5c
....., New Giant Imperial Japanese, fine colors, M.....	8c	....., Helipterum.....	5c
Nasturtium, HHA., Dwarf mixed.....	4c	....., Xeranthemum.....	5c
....., Tall, mixed.....	4c	....., Mixed Everlastings.....	5c
....., Mad. Gunter's Hybrids, the finest tall Nasturtiums up to date, M.....	7c	Ornamental Grasses, mixed.....	3c
		Wild Flower Garden, a large packet of many varieties of flower seeds to please you. Try it.....	10c

A farmer north of Minneapolis wrote: "The carrots from your seed went at the rate of \$80 per acre. They were sold by the wagon load in the open market and were the only thing that paid me on the farm this year."

Miss B. of Kenyon, Minn., wrote. "Your flower seeds were very nice. We were very much pleased with the pansy, phlox, gladiolus, calliopsis, sweet alyssum and castor oil plant. The tuberose were very beautiful and lasted so long they were taken to church two Sundays. Mrs. Norby said she was very much pleased with your seeds."

Mrs. Nettie Chamberlain, of Faribault, Minn., writes: "I liked your seeds very much

they grew so well. The peas were the best I ever raised."

John Prescott, Princeton, Minn., writes: "I enclose stamps to make us square. According to your figures I am not owing you as much as I thought. I like to do business with a square man, if there is any way I can do you a favor, jog my memory."

C. C. Lindley, Prop. Catawba Valley Nursery, Old Fort, N. C., wrote: "Asters of all colors was an admirable flower bed. The Balsams are in bloom yet (Oct. 13.) Your flower seeds did so well that I want some of your seed for '97 if I do much planting in connection with my nursery business."

Sweet Potatoes and Plants,

Send your Order to ...

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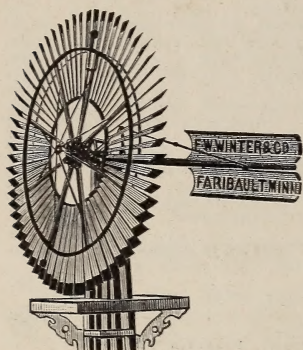
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Seed \$1.00 per bu., \$2.00 per bbl.

Prices on larger lots on application.

Plants, \$1.50 per 1,000.

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Red Jersey,
Yellow Nansemond,
Red Nansemond,
Early Golden,
Southern Queen,
Red Bermuda.



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JULY.

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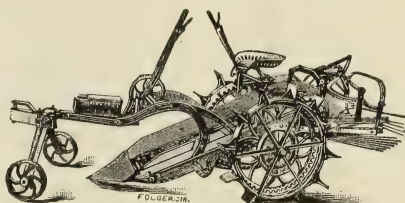
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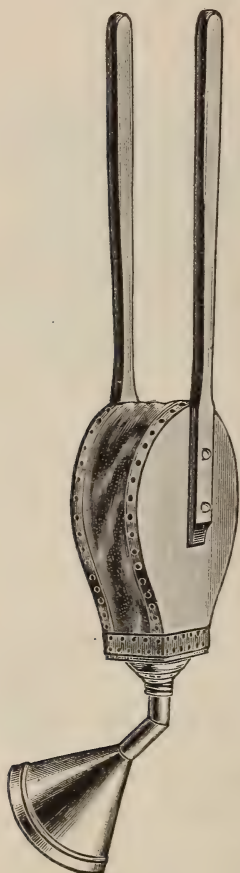
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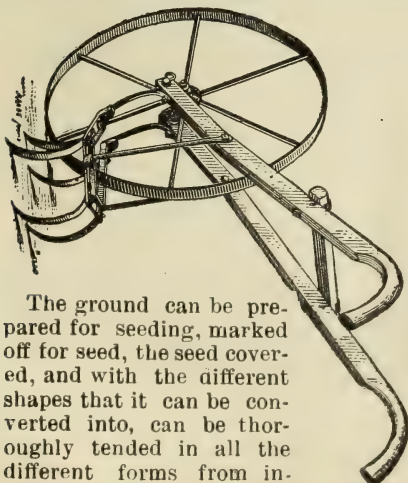
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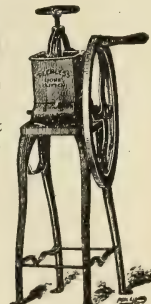
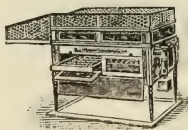
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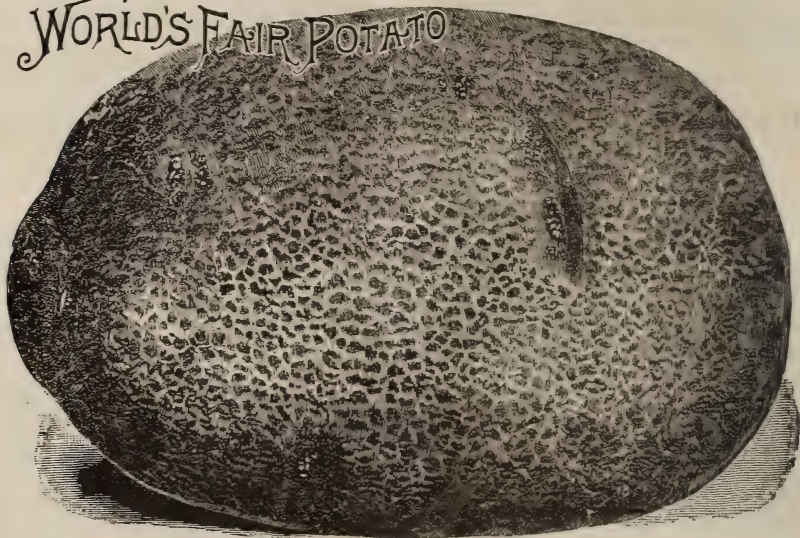
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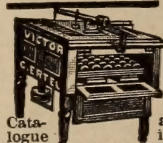
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